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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein mailed 9 April 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 9 May 2002. A petition for an extension of time of two (2) months until 9 July 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee.

Restriction was required among 27 groups and a species election was required if certain groups were elected. All pending claims, claims 2-5 and 32-71 were subject to the restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group XVII, claims 41 and 48-55. This election is made with traverse with respect to Group III, and without traverse with regard to the remaining groups.